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- 25X1 1. During the last ten days of April 1948, the daily crude oil production of the ITAG-Rannersdorf field was raised from 110 to 140 tons. This production increase is due mainly to individual treatment of the wells and of individual well machinery. Whether this figure can be maintained, or even raised still further, is problematic, although the Soviets are pressing Director Munz for increased production. [redacted] Comment: [redacted] It was reported that the ITAG-Rannersdorf had been organized by the Soviets out of the former ITAG-Hauskirchen field plus the Winter-shall holdings in the fields of Maustrenk, Scharfeneck, and Hohenrupperzdorf. ITAG-Rannersdorf is officially called by the Soviets SED III, or Sowjetischer Erdoeelbetrieb #III.)
- 25X1 2. The new drilling operations planned by the Soviets in the E ichhorn-Droesing area, near Zistersdorf, have been postponed. The reason is allegedly the protests raised by the Rohoelgewinnungs- A.G., which claims the prospecting rights for this area.
- 25X1 3. The Soviet oil explorations in Matzen in Burgenland have so far not revealed the presence of any impressive oil deposits, although it seems indisputable from the testimony of several experts who have been engaged in the explorations that definite traces of oil exist in this region.
4. Engineer Dolenko, chief geologist for the Soviet Oil Staff in Zistersdorf, was suddenly transferred to the Soviet Oil Administration main office in Vienna I, Kantgasse, during the last days of April 1948. No explanation was given for his removal from this position, and no successor has as yet been appointed. An Austrian named Kapounek is at present the acting chief geologist.

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